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TESTS OF MULTIPLE PULSING
OF HORN POWER SUPPLY

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Tests were performed on the horn power supply at low currents (~40 KA) to measure circuit behavior when firing each of the three banks separately per Reference 1.

Attached is a calculated plot showing the circuit behavior of the multipulse scheme compared to a normal pulse for the single horn case.

Also shown is a photo of the actual horn current (lower trace) and Bank 3 voltage (upper trace). Bank 3 was the first bank fired. Note that the Bank 3 voltage does increase when subsequent banks are fired. This demonstrates that the tubes do behave bilaterally after having been once fired.

This leads to the conclusion that horn current pulse width with the present circuit is not markedly widened as a result of multipulsing, and that diodes in series with the series ignitrons would be an important addition for minimized charging voltages.

References

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